

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 227792

42

ORIGIN PM-07

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01

SCI-06 IO-14 NASA-04 L-03 /056 R

DRAFTED BY PM/AE:GOPLINGER/DS  
APPROVED BY PM/AE:HGHANDYSIDE  
USAF/INY-MR. FOLEY  
AF/W-MR. DARIS  
AF/RA-MR. NAVEZ(INFO)

----- 031673

R 191740Z NOV 73  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
INFO DIA  
CSAF/INY  
CONAD ENT AFB  
FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 227792

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS:PINR, TSPA, UN, IV  
SUBJECT: PROJECT MOONDUST

REFS: A. USDAO 0427 (DTG 080948Z NOV 73)  
B. STATE 221655 C. STATE A-6343, JULY 25, 1973

1. PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE IVORY COAST AUTHORITIES THAT  
USG WILLING TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING OBJECT. CYRILLIC  
CHARACTERS INDICATE PROBABLE SOVIET ORIGIN, BUT POSITIVE  
IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF PURPOSE, TECHNICAL  
CHARACTERISTICS, ETC., WILL REQUIRE SHIPMENT TO US AND  
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. USG WILLING TO CARRY OUT SUCH  
ANALYSIS AND TO PROVIDE SUMMARY REPORT OF ITS CONCLUSIONS  
TO IVORY COAST AUTHORITIES.

2. IF ASKED, YOU MAY UNDERTAKE TO RETURN OBJECT TO IVORY  
COAST UPON CONCLUSION OF ANALYSIS.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 227792

3. FYI. OBJECT IS OF ROUTINE INTEREST TO US AGENCIES IN ORDER TO CONFIRM AND UPDATE EXISTING DATA. YOU SHOULD AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION THAT US PLACES HIGH VALUE ON ACQUIRING OBJECT, OR FIRM COMMITMENT RE EXTENT OR NATURE OF TEST REPORT. RE FINAL PARA, REF C, DEPT RECORDS INDICATE IVORY COAST HAS NOT ACCEDED TO RETURN OF ASTRONAUTS AND OBJECTS AGREEMENT; GOIC THEREFORE NOT LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO NOTIFY UNSYG AND LAUNCHING STATE. END FYI

4. REPORT REACTION. RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SPACE FRAGMENTS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 19 NOV 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** collinp0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973STATE227792  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** GOPLINGER/DS  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19731125/aaaaarzq.tel  
**Line Count:** 71  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ORIGIN PM  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** A. USDAO 0427 (DTG 080948Z NOV 73)  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** collinp0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09 JAN 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <09-Jan-2002 by smithrj>; APPROVED <06 MAR 2002 by collinp0>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PROJECT MOONDUST  
**TAGS:** PINR, TSPA, IV, UN, PROJECT MOON DUST  
**To:** ABIDJAN  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005